SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK	Index No.:					
ETHEL LINDA BRADY,  Plaintiff,	Date Purchased: VERIFIED COMPLAINT					
-against-						
THE CITY OF NEW YORK NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT and SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE,						
Defendants.						
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Plaintiff, by her attorneys, THE YANKOWITZ LAV	V FIRM, P.C. complaining of the					

1. At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff **ETHEL LINDA BRADY** was, and still is, a resident of the County of New York, State of New York.

Defendants, respectfully alleges, upon information and belief:

- 2. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant **SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE** was, and still is, a resident of the City and State of New York.
  - 3. That this action falls within one or more of the exceptions set forth in CPLR §1602.
- 4. That on March 20, 2014, and at all times herein mentioned Defendant **THE CITY OF NEW YORK** was, and still is, a municipal corporation.
- 5. That on March 20, 2014, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant **THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**, was and still is a Department, Agency and/or Division of the defendant **CITY OF NEW YORK**, a municipal corporation duly authorized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
- 6. That prior hereto, on May 5, 2014, and within the time prescribed by law, a sworn Notice of Claim stating, among other things, the time when and place where the injuries and damages were sustained, together with Plaintiff's demands for adjustment thereof, was duly served on the Plaintiff's behalf on **THE CITY OF NEW YORK & NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT** and that, thereafter, said Defendants refused or neglected for more than thirty (30)

days, and up to the commencement of this action to make any adjustment or payment thereof, and that thereafter, and within the time provided by law, this action was commenced. (A copy of the Notice of Claim is annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference).

- 7. That on December 10, 2014, pursuant to General Municipal Law 50-H, the Plaintiff testified at a hearing held at the Office of the Comptroller or at the office of a designated agent.
- 8. That this action is being commenced within one year and ninety days after accrual of this cause of action, or within the time allowed by law.
- 9. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant **THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARMENT** was the owner of a motor vehicle bearing New York State registration number FPA2251.
- 10. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant **THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARMENT** its agents, servants and/or employees, operated of a motor vehicle bearing New York State registration number FPA2251.
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- 19. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant **SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE** operated the aforesaid motor vehicle bearing New York State registration number FPA2251.
- 20. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE operated the motor vehicle with the permission of Defendants THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND/OR THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 21. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE operated the aforementioned motor vehicle with the knowledge of the Defendants THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND/OR THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 22. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE operated the aforementioned motor vehicle with the consent of the Defendants THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND/OR THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 23. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE operated the aforementioned motor vehicle within the scope of his employment with the Defendants THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND/OR THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

- 24. At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff **ETHEL LINDA BRADY** was a passenger in a vehicle bearing New York State registration number GKF1415.
- 25. At all times herein mentioned the streets located in front of and near 365 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York, were public roadways and/or thoroughfares (see Police Report annexed to the Notice of Claim).
- 26. That on March 20, 2014, at the aforementioned location, the defendants' aforesaid motor vehicle struck and came into contact with the aforesaid motor vehicle in which Plaintiff **ETHEL LINDA BRADY** was a passenger.
- 27. That as a result of the aforesaid contact, Plaintiff **ETHEL LINDA BRADY** was seriously injured.
- 28. That the aforesaid occurrence was caused wholly and solely by reason of the negligence of the Defendants without any fault or negligence on the part of the Plaintiff contributing thereto.
- 29. That Defendants were negligent, careless and reckless in the ownership, operation, management, maintenance, supervision, use and control of their aforesaid vehicle; and the Defendants were otherwise negligent, careless and reckless under the circumstances then and there prevailing.
- 30. That by reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff **ETHEL LINDA BRADY** sustained severe and permanent personal injuries; and Plaintiff **ETHEL LINDA BRADY** was otherwise damaged.
- 31. That Plaintiff **ETHEL LINDA BRADY** sustained serious injuries as defined by §5102(d) of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.
- 32. That Plaintiff **ETHEL LINDA BRADY** sustained serious injuries and economic loss greater than basic economic loss as defined by §5104 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.
- 33. That by reason of the foregoing and the negligence of the said defendants, this plaintiff sustained serious, severe, and permanent injuries to her head, limbs and body, still suffers and will continue to suffer for some time, great physical and mental pain and serious

bodily injury; became sick, sore, lame and disabled and so remained for a considerable length of time.

- 34. That by reason of the wrongful, negligent and unlawful actions of the defendants, as aforesaid, the plaintiff, **ETHEL LINDA BRADY**, sustained serious injuries as defined in the Insurance Law of the State of New York, and has sustained economic loss greater than basic economic loss as defined in said Insurance Law.
- 35. That by reason of the foregoing and the negligence of the said defendants, this plaintiff, **ETHEL LINDA BRADY**, is informed and verily believes her aforesaid injuries are permanent and he will permanently suffer from the effects of his aforesaid injuries and she will be caused to suffer permanent embarrassment and continuous pain and inconvenience.
- 36. That by reason of the foregoing, this plaintiff, **ETHEL LINDA BRADY**, was compelled and did necessarily require medical aid and attention and did necessarily pay and become liable therefore, for medicines and upon information and belief, the plaintiff, **ETHEL LINDA BRADY**, will necessarily incur similar expenses.
- 37. That by reason of the foregoing, the plaintiff, **ETHEL LINDA BRADY**, has been unable to attend to his usual occupation and avocation in the manner required.
- 38. That by reason of the culpable conduct and wrongful, negligent and unlawful actions of the defendants, as aforesaid, the plaintiff, **ETHEL LINDA BRADY**, was severely injured, bruised and wounded, suffered, still suffers, and will continue to suffer for some time great physical pain and great bodily injuries and became sick, sore, lame and disabled and so remained for a considerable length of time.
- 39. That by reason of the foregoing Plaintiff **ETHEL LINDA BRADY** has been damaged in a sum that exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) demand(s) judgment against the Defendants herein, in a sum exceeding the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have

jurisdiction, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated:

Great Neck, New York May 8, 2015

Yours, etc.

JACK A. YANKOWITZ, ESQ.
THE YANKOWITZ LAW FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff(s)
ETHEL LINDA BRADY 175 East Shore Road

Great Neck, New York 11023

(516) 622-6200 Our File No. 7780 -14

#### NOTICE OF CLAIM

In the Matter of the Claim of

#### ETHEL LINDA BRADY

- against -

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT and SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE ----X

TO:

The Comptroller of the City of New York

Municipal Building • New York, New York 10007

100 Church Street, New York, New York

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE 1 Police Plaza New York, NY 10013

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned claimant hereby makes claim and demands against you as follows:

1. Name and post office address of each claimant and claimants' attorneys is:

Claimant

ETHEL LINDA BRADY

**Attorney** 

THE YANKOWITZ LAW FIRM, P.C.

175 East Shore Road

Great Neck, New York 11023

(516) 622-6200

2. Nature of Claim: The nature of the claim is for severe and permanent personal injuries sustained by ETHEL LINDA BRADY and all other damages allowed by statute and case law as a result of the negligence, carelessness, recklessness and gross negligence of the CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE, their agents, servants, employees and those acting under its direction, behest, permission and control in the ownership, operation, management and control of a certain motor vehicle bearing New York State plate # FPA2251.

3. The time when, the place where and the manner in which the claim arose: The accident occurred on March 20, 2014 at approximately 4:25PM in front of and/or near 365 West 125th Street, County of New York, City of New York, State of New York. At the aforesaid time, date and place claimant ETHEL LINDA BRADY was a passenger in a stopped vehicle owned and operated by Shanique I. Hendricks, bearing New York State plate number GKF1415, which was violently struck by the aforesaid motor vehicle owned by the CITY OF NEW YORK and/or NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT and operated by sergeant CHRIS LAWRENCE their agent, servant and/or employee bearing New York State plate # FPA2251. (The New York City Police Department accident report is annexed hereto and made a part hereof). As a result of said collision the claimant ETHEL LINDA BRADY was seriously injured. Said occurrence and the injuries sustained by claimant were due to the negligence, carelessness and recklessness of the CITY OF NEW YORK. NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT and SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE its agents,

servants and/or employees in the ownership, operation, management, supervision, maintenance and control of their aforesaid motor vehicle; in operating said motor vehicle with a total disregard for the health, safety and welfare of others; in failing to avoid contact with claimant's motor vehicle; in failing to adequately, properly and safely stop their vehicle and place it into "park" before leaving and exiting the vehicle; in failing to timely utilize brakes; in causing, permitting and allowing their aforesaid vehicle to strike/collide into claimant's vehicle; in operating said motor vehicle at a fast and excessive rate of speed; in failing to adequately and properly supervise the operator of said motor vehicle; in failing to properly and adequately instruct the driver of said motor vehicle; in failing to instruct the driver of said motor vehicle as to the proper practices and procedures in the operation of said motor vehicle; in having negligent and improper hiring practices; in failing to properly investigate employees and potential employees; and THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT and SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE, its agents, servants, and/or employees were otherwise careless, reckless and negligent. Upon information and belief, the motor vehicle owned by THE CITY OF NEW YORK and/or NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT is identified as a 2012 Ford, bearing New York License Plate # FPA2251. (See Police Report annexed).

- 4. Claimant, ETHEL LINDA BRADY, sustained multiple, severe permanent personal injuries, the full extent of which are as yet unknown, including but not limited to, upon information and belief, herniated discs at C2-3, C5-6, C6-7 and T3-4 and injuries to her neck, shoulders and extremities. Claim is for personal injuries, hospital, physician and other medical expenses, pain and suffering, loss of quality and/or enjoyment of life, and all other damages to which claimant is entitled by case law and statute.
- 5. Claimant ETHEL LINDA BRADY has suffered damages in a sum exceeding FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00).

The undersigned, on behalf of the claimant therefore presents this claim for adjustment and payment. You are hereby notified that unless said claim is adjusted and paid within the time provided by law from the date of presentation to you, the claimant intends to commence an action on this claim.

Dated:

Great Neck, New York May 2, 2014

THE YANKOWITZ LAW FIRM, P.C. Attorney for Claimant 175 East Shore Road Great Neck, New York 11023 (516) 829-4300

#### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK }

SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU }

JACK A. YANKOWITZ, being duly sworn, deposes and says that deponent is the attorney for the above-named claimant; deponent has read the foregoing NOTICE OF CLAIM and know its contents; the same is true to deponent's knowledge, except as to those matters stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters deponent believes it to be true.

JACK A. YANKOWITZ

Sworn to before me on May 2, 2014

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### In the Matter of the Claim of

### ETHEL LINDA BRADY

- against -

# THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT and SERGEANT CHRIS LAWRENCE

# **NOTICE OF CLAIM**

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TO:

#### ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

JACK A.. YANKOWITZ, ESQ., an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of New York, affirms the following to be true under the penalties of perjury: I am an attorney at THE YANKOWITZ LAW FIRM, P.C., attorneys of record for Plaintiff(s), Ethel Linda Brady. I have read the annexed **COMPLAINT** and know the contents thereof, and the same are true to my knowledge, except those matters therein which are stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true. My belief, as to those matters therein not stated upon knowledge, is based upon facts, records, and other pertinent information contained in my files.

This verification is made by me because Plaintiff(s) is/are not presently in the county wherein I maintain my offices.

DATED:

Great Neck, New York

May 8, 2015

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